REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. The Claims have been

amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on

the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application,

the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the

telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite

prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to

charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: September 23, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Murphy, Jr.

Registration No.: 28,977

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Rd

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant

8 GMM/smt